Receives $5,000 Distinguished University Scholarship

BLACKSBURG - One of the largest scholarships offered by Virginia Tech, a $5,000 Distinguished University Scholarship, has been awarded to Patricia Gail Wise, a high school senior from Dillwyn.

Miss Wise, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edward Wise, Rt. 2, Box 303, will enter the University in the fall and major in human nutrition and foods.

A senior at Buckingham County High School, Miss Wise is one of only four high school seniors out of a field of nearly 400 to receive this major Tech four-year scholarship.

Miss Wise was one of the seniors who came to Tech in March to take a battery of tests competing for a limited number of major scholarships worth a total of $50,000, and many smaller ones. The students were invited on the basis of their high school records and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. Miss Wise was one of 15 finalists interviewed and one of 10 students awarded major scholarships.

A National Merit Scholarship semifinalist in 1977, she attended the Governor's School for the Gifted the same year, as well as being named 1977 National 4-H Food Preservation Achievement winner. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students", "American High School Students", A National Merit Scholarship semifinist in 1977, she attended the Governor's School for the Gifted that same year, as well as being named 1977 National 4-H Food Preservation Achievement winner. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students", "America's Outstanding Names and Faces" and "The Society of Distinguished American High School Students."

She served as president and secretary of the Student Cooperative Association and as president of her 4-H Club worked as a 4-H camp counselor for four years, and was a Beta Club and National Honor Society member for two years.

The scholarship covers tuition, fees and housing expenses.

APPOMATTOX FFA MEMBER WINS IN TRACTOR DRIVING

R. L. Cordell, a member of the Appomattox County High School FFA Chapter, placed first in the annual Southside Area FFA Tractor Operating Contest at Appomattox April 17.

Ronnie Rickman, Halifax County Senior High School, was runner-up. James Kerr, Amelia County High School, and Kyle Bryan, Buckingham County High School, finished third and fourth respectively.

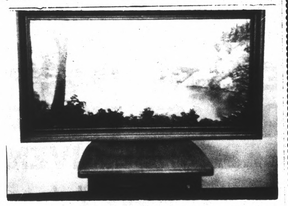
Tractor operating is a FFA activity which includes skills in maintaining and operating safety.

The winning operator will represent the fourteen-county Southside Area in the state finals at VPI&SU in June. The area contest was directed by W. C. Perrow, instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox County High School.

FBLA WINS PLAQUE

The Appomattox Chapter Future Business Leaders of America won a plaque for contributing the largest amount of money in the Longwood Region to lick birth defects.

This chapter contributed $1620 to the March of Dimes Foundation. This money was raised by sponsoring the Dance-A-Thon, Rock-A-Thon that was held in November. The members of the Appomattox Chapter would like to thank the community for helping them win this honor in the Longwood Region. They look forward to working next year on this special project.



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Vepco Reports Earnings

Virginia and Electric and Power Company reported today earnings per share of common stock for the 12 months ending March 31, 1978, were $2.00, compared to $1.92 for the year ending December 31, 1977, and to $1.81 for the 12 months ending March 31, 1977.

Net income for the 12 months ending March 31, 1978, was $200,179,792, compared to $189,792,936 for the year ending December 31, 1977 and to $126,156,516 for 12 months ending March 31, 1977.

For the first quarter of 1978, earnings per share were 51.4 cents compared to 43.2 cents in the first quarter of 1977.

The average number of shares of common stock outstanding increased to 75,507,524 for the 12 months ending March 31, 1978, compared to 69,607006 for the 12 months ending March 31, 1977.

"While improvement in earnings per share is encouraging, earnings are still well below the 1973 level and inadequate in light of the common stockholders' investment in the Company.", stated T. Justin Moore, Jr. Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Moore added, "Our investors must provide approximately 60 to 65 per cent of the funds needed to financ the construction of new generating facilities. It is imperative that we achieve earnings sufficient to assure the financial integrity of the company and to improve our ability to attract capital on reasonable terms."

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JOHNNY WRIGHT REPORTS FOR DUTY

APRIL 19 - Navy Operations Specialist First Class Johnny C. Wright, whose wife, Jane, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emhra Davis of P. O. Box 1175, Pamplin, Va., has reported for duty at the Fleet Antisubmarine Warfare Training Center, Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.

He joined the Navy in June 1961.

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THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

Part 1 - The Hollywood Story

The little girl, her braided hair swinging down her back, was hurrying along as fast as she could go. Her pace was a bit slower than usual due to the fact that one of her high-top shoes was not buttoned properly. She had lost her shoe button hook on the day before and hadn't, as yet, bothered to find it.

Behind the little girl, a young man walked slowly along, carrying a milk pail; he seemed a bit disturbed.

As they neared the back door the little girl called out in an excited voice, "Mama, Mama, it's happened! 'Miss Puggie' has put a hex on Bossy, the cow."

As they hurried into the big kitchen, the wide boards of the wood floor gleaming white after a scrubbing with creek sand, the children began to explain—

"We didn't get any milk—hardly any, that is, don't you see Mama? It's that 'Miss Puggie', I know it is!" The children waited to see what their mother would have in the way of an explanation.

Mama started to laugh, the children looked so disturbed it was almost comical. As she began to realize that she couldn't explain it, her face took on a more serious expression.

It was possible that the cow had suddenly gone dry from natural causes, then again, it could have been 'Miss Puggie's' doing after all. The milk pail had been full last night.

Those of us living NOW don't know why the cow went dry so suddenly, but we do know one thing; 'Miss Puggie' did live in the Hollywood Community THEN. She is buried next to the Charlie Bagby plot in the cemetery.

"Miss Puggie' was known far and wide as a witch; the people feared her, they had seen what she could do.

'If, for some unknown reason, 'Miss Puggie' developed an intense dislike for an individual—look out, trouble was on the way!

By any means, fair or foul, 'Miss Puggie' would obtain just a wisp of hair from her intended victim. Taking the bit of hair into the woods, she would bury it deep in the bark of a tree. As she disposed of the hair, she would 'wish' whatever circumstances she so desired on her helpless victim. According to stories handed down by citizens of the Hollywood Community, whatever 'Miss Puggie' wished, 'Miss Puggie' got!!

More than once a good milk cow would go suddenly dry; a mule, healthy and pulling the plow one day, would fall dead the next day without warning.

People tell of one lady living in the Hollywood area THEN who lived in fear of 'Miss Puggie', especially on soap-making day. It seems, if 'Miss Puggie' happened by on such a day all she had to do was to cross two sticks in a certain fashion, mumble some words and the damage was done! The soap would not jell or harden no matter how long or carefully it was cooked.

Not much else is known about 'Miss Puggie' except that she really lived and was not a figment of someone's imagination, and that she practiced her witchcraft on both man and beast.

Hollywood had more than a witch in the days of THEN—much more; a school, a church, a postoffice and a lot of very special people. A great many of these earlier Hollywood families have descendants still making their home in the Hollywood Community or elsewhere in the county of Appomattox.

In the year 1878 a little band of men and women, 6 men and 7 women to be exact, met in a one room log schoolhouse. (What this school was called and when it was built is not known.)

The church records show that the group of 13 met with committee consisting of L. R. Thornhill, H. T. Ranson, T. H. Fitzgerald and C. A. Abbitt. They proceeded to bear the 'whys' and the 'why nots' as to whether a Baptist Church should be established in the community.

Evidently there were more reasons for establishing the church than there were against it, for in 1878, records show, A Baptist CHurch was organized. The group decided to call the church Hollywood because of the beautiful holly trees in back of the log building.

Charlie Bagby, Sr. gave the two acres of land on which to build a church and school. The school, in later years, was torn down and the land on which it had stood was used a a church cemetery. Some years later a school consisting of two rooms was built on the opposite side of the road on land purchased from the estate of Ben Beasley.

The new members of the church met in the log school building and a Sunday School was organized while the church building was under construction. The men of the newly organized church got busy. They cut the logs, then hauled them to a sawmill owned by one of the members where they were sawed into lumber suitable for building.

The church, completed in 1878, was burned in 1889 along with all of the church records. In 1900 the present church building was built on the same site.

The story is told of an old gentleman who had kind of an unpleasant experience in the early days of Hollywood Church.

It seems the gentleman was sitting on a log outside of the church building before time for the services to begin. As he enjoyed a talk with his neighbors, a lizard happened along. The man, deeply engrossed in conversation, didn't notice the lizard getting closer to where he was sitting. Suddenly, quite unnoticed by the group, the lizard scampered up the leg of the gentleman pants. Needless to say, the conversation ended rather abruptly!

Later, as the incident was related to friends, someone asked the man what he had done.

"I stepped out of those pants as fast as I could and didn't look back. Heard a lot of gugging though!!"

The National Archives and Record Service in Washington, D. C. shows that the Hollywood Post Office was established on May 9th. in 1891.

Next week I am going to pay a visit to the Hollywood Post Office, maybe the school too. I have a feeling maybe I can find a country store in Hollywood THEN—won't you come along?

EATING WELL

Mrs. Barbara L. Morlang, R.D., Ph.D.
State Nutrition Consultant
Virginia Department of Health

TOO LITTLE REGULATION OF HEALTH FOODS?

Some scientists are worried because they believe that there is very little regulation of the so-called Health Food Stores. In an article written by Dr. William Crosby for the Journal of the American Medical Association he referred to a California housewise who had been poisoned by lead. The lead poisoning was caused by herbal health pills imported from Hong Kong. Another Californis resident was poisoned by lead when he used a powdered-bone "health food" from England.

Dr. Allan Forbes of the Food and Drug Administration has stated that the surveillance of food items in a health food store is most difficult because the health food stores have small market items which are often locally processed or shipped in by mail.

It is important for shoppers to realize that they can get all of the nutrients they need by having a variety of foods for snacks and meals from the Basic Four Food Groups. The Basic Four Food Groups include: Dairy Products, such as milk, cheese and ice cream, the Bread and Cereal Group, the Meat Group and the Fruit and Vegetable Group.

Teresa A. Lively To Attend Governor's School For The Gifted

Lynchburg , Va.—Miss Teresa Gay Lively, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lively of Concord, has been selected as one of approximately 140 high school students who will attend the 1978 Governor's School for the Gifted on the campus of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.The School will be held from June 13 through July 11. The other centers are Mary Baldwin College in Staunton and Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg.

The Governor's School, which has been held annually in Virginia since its inception in 1973, provides a total educational program of academic courses, activities recreation and cultural enrichment, according to Mrs. Isabell P. Rucker, State Director of Special Programs for the Gifted. Approximately 425 students from all parts of the state will attend the 1978 session at the three centers.

During the Governor's School, students attend courses selected for the intellectual challenge they provide. Some of the many courses to be given at Randolph-Macon this summer are: The American Presidency, Computer Programming, Music Composition, Creative Writing, and Psychophysiology.

In addition to the academic courses, the students also elect activity courses such as photography, codebreaking, sportswriting, drawing, painting and fiber arts. An Important feature of the Governors School is that no tests or grades are given; students learn for the sake of learning. The local director of the Governor's School at Randolph-Macon this year is Dr. Paul L. Irwin, assistant professor of mathematics at the college.

Miss Lively is presently a student at the Appomattox County High SChool.

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DEREK A. TWEEDY COMPLETES COURSE

APRIL 18 - Marine Private Derek A. Tweedy, son of Mr. Clifton W. Tweedy of Rt. 1, Box 390, Appomattox, Va., has completed the Mrine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course.

During the six-week course at Camp Lejeune, N.C., he studied the fundamentals of engineering support for combat units. He received instruction on the tools and procedures for building bridges, roads and field fortifications. He also studied the use of demolitions, landmine warfare and camouflage techniques.

He joined the Marine Corps in October 1977.

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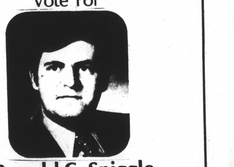

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